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tube a hollow, cylindrical body or passage; specific uses include: *Biology*, a cylindrical organ or part that functions as a passage. *Botany*, the lower part of a gamopetalous corolla or a gamosepalous calyx. *Geology*, a generally cylindrical, smooth-sided passageway in a cave. *Optics*, the part of a microscope between the eyepiece and the objective. *Ordnance*, the hollow metal cylinder that contains the bore of a weapon; *tube* generally refers to artillery, while *barrel* refers to firearms. *Electronics*, 1. an electron tube; an electron tube. 2. the glass or metal envelope of an electron tube; the glass or metal envelope of an electron tube.

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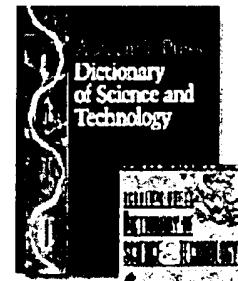
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